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Sir:

It is respectfully requested that the time for response to the Office Action dated June 6, 2005, be extended for a period of three months from September 6, 2005, to and including, December 6, 2005.

The fee for this extension is estimated to be \$1,020.00. Please charge the required fee to Jones Day Deposit Account No. 50-3013. A copy of this sheet is enclosed.

Respectfully submitted,

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